Speak Up, Speak Out!
Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life

The Annette Strauss Institute seeks to understand and overcome obstacles to civic engagement. The Institute’s education programs build civic skills and community engagement among citizens of all ages, with a particular focus on youth.

Speak Up, Speak Out! Is an outreach program in which participating classes from local schools work in teams to identify, research, and present solutions to community problems chosen by the students. The Institute provides funding for materials, a curriculum package, an in-class student mentor from a local university or college, online web resources and teacher training. The program develops key skills for academic and professional success and civic engagement, including problem solving, research, writing, teamwork, and public speaking.

- **$5,000 School Sponsorship:** Sponsor participation of a school in your community. Sponsors will be recognized on materials provided to the school, on the Speak Up, Speak Out! website, and in the Strauss Institute newsletter.

- **$10,000 Civics Fair Sponsorship:** Sponsors will be recognized on signage, promotional materials, program and T-shirts of one Civics Fair as well as on the Speak Up, Speak Out! website, and in the Strauss Institute newsletter.

- **$25,000 Civics Fair Presenting Sponsorship:** Presenting sponsors will receive title recognition at one Civics Fair and prominent recognition with logo on signage, promotional materials, program and T-shirts of the Civics Fair as well as on the Speak Up, Speak Out! website, and in the Strauss Institute newsletter.

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VOCES Oral History Project

Since 1999, the Voces Oral History Project has recorded interviews with more than 960 Latino WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans and civilians. It has engaged journalism students at all levels: as interviewers, as writers for interviews conducted by volunteers, and as staffers who handle details. Its goal: to document the experiences of Latinos and Latinas of this generation and thus create a better awareness of their contributions and participation. It has also developed short documentaries from existing interviews. Its founder, Assoc. Professor Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, has grounded the project in journalism. See: Vocesoralhistoryproject.org

**Gold level:** $20,000
Multiple Individual Interview Session (MIIS): Two-day, out-of-stat session includes transportation, lodging and food, story editing, copy editing, complete processing for website and newsletter

**Silver level:** $10,000
Graduate Student Summer Fellows: Students would work on developing digital products from interviews, as well as conducting and processing new interviews.

**Bronze level:** $6,000
Undergraduate Summer Intern: Students would develop digital short documentaries, conduct interviews, and be involved in all parts of processing

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